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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 September 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 29 and 30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 29 and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to amendment filed 9/27/06.

Response to Amendment

2. Claims 1, 5-7 have been amended. Claims 1-8 and 29-30 are pending.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 29-30 have been considered but are not persuasive. The applicant on p. 6 argues that Orr fails to teach identification of a first user who has a bid in both the first auction and the second auction and is the basis for identifying a second user to which the first auction is promoted. The examiner does not agree with this interpretation of Orr. In donation campaigns, a recent campaign corresponds to a first auction (current event) and past campaign corresponds to a second auction (past event). Lapsed donor (a second user) is the one who has participated in the past donation campaign (a second auction) along with other donors but have not participated in the current donation campaign (first or current auction). Since, the lapsed donor (a second user) is targeted in a telemarketing program (see REACTIVATION BY PHONE, p. 2) the identification of the donor (name, phone etc.) is inherently disclosed by Orr.

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Claims 29 and 30 therefore stand rejected as per office action dated 6/27/06 augmented by the foregoing arguments.

4. Responsive to the amendment, claims 1-8 are deemed allowable over the prior art.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-8 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-8 are allowed because prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the following feature deemed novel by the examiner.

A process and apparatus for identifying users to whom to promote a selected auction, the selected auction having users that having already bid in the selected auction, wherein the process or apparatus (i) examines a plurality of auctions other than the selected auction and (ii) distinguishes the examined auction if the number of users that have bids in the selected auction also bid in the examined auction exceeds a minimum threshold and (iii) identifies users that bid in the distinguished auction and did not bid in the selected auction.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAGDISH PATEL whose telephone number is (571) 272-6748.

The examiner can normally be reached on **800AM-630PM Mon-Tue and Thu.**

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammel can be reached on (571) 272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 517-273-8300.

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(Primary Examiner, AU 3693)

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